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Bowles, Louisa

[To her uncle,

Henry Chapman, Sr.]

[Brother George's daughter?]

[See notes on back of envelope]

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My dear Uncle

I have often had  
it in my heart to  
write you a few lines  
- but I am far from  
a good correspondent - so  
must ask you to excuse  
me. Until we had  
the pleasure of hearing  
of Mrs. Derry. Spelt it  
was a long time since  
we were in touch with  
your surroundings. or  
I expect you ours.  
I am glad to hear that  
you are so active, &  
from Nannie (my

sister-in-laws,) letter I  
think your recent ill-  
ness has left no ill effect  
It was so good of you  
to allow her round - she  
was delighted to meet  
a friend in a strange  
land. We thought she  
would have had enough  
of her experience. I was  
surprised to get a letter  
saying she was off on  
another trip! She felt  
so much better for it.  
but I am afraid she  
has had a rough time  
of it - We had a terrible  
gale last Thursday &  
were wondering whether  
she encountered it or  
was in port. I wonder  
whether Hudson's family  
have returned from the

leas. or are you very much  
alone? I was delighted to hear  
that he has a nice little  
family growing up round  
him. Will you tell  
him. That I was delighted  
to get his photo. & to see  
that he is very little  
changed. I was greatly  
disappointed that I was  
away when Harry & his  
dear wife & child were  
here. I would like to  
have met them - but  
could not manage  
it. had been run-  
ning him over an ill-  
ness & I feel so thank-  
ful that the change  
& treatment have quite  
restored her - & she now  
looks better than for  
a long time - she &  
I are martyrs to the  
"influenza" friend - I  
have had it every year  
for the last thirteen

Babes & Hare. & all our  
circle were delighted with  
Helen & Joseph. & did  
enjoy their visit. Only  
wish it were longer.

My dear husband is  
height very busy. but  
am thankful to say  
very well - our young  
folks are getting on  
well - at their various  
studies. & have all  
passed their recent  
examinations success-  
fully. Our object is  
& give them a good educa-  
tion & make them  
independent. we hope  
to send Arnold to college  
next year. his tastes  
lie in the engineering way  
- probably Civil - I don't  
like to look much  
to the future. as I am  
afraid he will have  
to leave us. the R. C. is.

are getting everything now.  
What! Changes you would  
see if you visited the  
old country - but on  
the whole things are  
in a healthy state &  
people working up -  
& I hope with indus-  
trial revival - we  
shall be able to find  
employment at home  
for the best of our  
people & not have  
them all going away  
to enrich other countries.

- Our meetings are growing  
smaller - but we  
stick to the dear old  
Quaker faith -  
Willie & his family join  
-ed the church some  
years ago. Frances  
too married out. It is  
so nice for me to have  
both sisters in Cal.

- Edward is still in

Oruaha - seems happy.  
Fred. the youngest is  
in Manitoba. doing  
very well with his  
farming. - has 3 daughters  
- George has a large  
family. - There was  
another daughter about  
a week ago  
- You are my only real  
uncle now I guess  
Mrs Howell is of course  
alive - but of my  
mother's large family  
only 2 aunts Sarah  
& Amelia are left.  
- They are living in  
Gramore - Adelaide  
died there last  
year of paralysis.  
- We sisters were up  
& down there during  
her last illness of

five weary helpless, mouth  
helping Aunt Amelia  
& nurse her -

- We met a friend from  
Philadelphia a few  
months ago. Deborah  
Ladd - she was passing  
Ohio. & spending a  
day with Geo. Grubb.  
She came to one of our  
Missionary Review Lgs.

It was from her  
we first heard of  
the loss of your dear  
little grandson - &  
sympathized with  
you - What a blank  
there is left where  
our dear ones are  
called within the  
Veil - & how miserable  
we should be with  
- out the certain hope  
& meeting them  
again -

Dear dear Uncle - you  
will be tired reading  
this - this I say there  
is not much news  
in the end - With  
love to you & Grand - &  
very kind regards from  
Walter - Believe me  
dear Uncle

Very affectionately  
Louis Bowles

- I hope if Mamie sees  
you again she will  
come & tell us all about  
you - She said you were  
so kind to her -
- Please ask Grand to  
excuse my not writing  
- I intended to - but at  
the time was upset with  
servant ill &c.

Borod Louis

Brother George my Niece  
and daughter  
Hannah



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